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Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) – Letter – 5/2/14: Constituent concerns about the Strecker Forest/Bliss Ellisville site removal action. Due: 5/16/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Wall Street Journal – John Emshwiller – 5/6/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra – 5/7/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KTVI Channel 2, St. Louis – Bonita Cornute – 5/7/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Blythe Bernhard – 5/7/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis – Farah Fazal -5/7/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis - Casey Nolen - 5/7/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Associated Press, St. Louis – Jim Salter -5/8/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Freelance Writer – Jack Sundtrup – 5/7/14: Questions about SPCC requirements at a facility in Willow Springs, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Associated Press – Josh Funk – 5/8/14: Questions about York sites NPL listing. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

Omaha World Herald – Nancy Gaarder – 5/8/14: Questions about York sites NPL listing. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

RadWaste Monitor – Jeremy Dillon – 5/8/14: Questions West Lake landfill. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Environmental Stories:

- **St. Louis Public Radio EPA To Test Popular Bridgeton Baseball Fields For Radiation** 5/8/14 The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will soon begin testing a popular athletic complex in Bridgeton for radiation. In a written statement, EPA Regional Administrator Karl Brooks said the planned testing was prompted by a need to resolve "public concerns generated by residents using donated radiation detection equipment." http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/epa-test-popular-bridgeton-baseball-fields-radiation
- **St. Louis Post-Dispatch EPA to test Bridgeton athletic complex for radiation** 5/7/14 Radiation screening at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex will start later this month because of concerns from nearby residents and politicians, the Environmental Protection Agency announced Wednesday. http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/epa-to-test-bridgeton-athletic-complex-for-radiation/article_154510d6-0a45-54f6-af3d-3edb0654c532.html
- KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis Bridgeton residents get new radiation results (+video) 5/8/14 Some important people are now paying attention to a group of moms worried about radiation at the Bridgeton Athletic Complex. Dawn Chapman and the other moms said the Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Bridgeton wouldn't test the field after they came to them with concerns about radiation there. http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/05/07/bridgeton-radiation-results-ball-fields/8826023/
- KTVI Ch. 2 St. Louis (+video) EPA to conduct radiation screening at Bridgeton Athletic Complex 5/7/14 The Environmental Protection Agency region 7 office announced today it will conduct radiation screening at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex. This comes after a group of bridgeton parents got independent screening results last month. A lab in Boston reviewd the samples. http://fox2now.com/2014/05/07/epa-to-conduct-radiation-screening-at-bridgeton-athletic-complex/
- KPLR Ch. 11 St. Louis EPA to conduct radiation screening at Bridgeton Athletic Complex (+video) 5/7/14 The Environmental Protection Agency region 7 office announced today it will conduct radiation screening at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex. This comes after a group of Bridgeton parents got independent screening results last month. A lab in Boston reviewed the samples. http://kplr11.com/2014/05/07/epa-to-conduct-radiation-screening-at-bridgeton-athletic-complex/
- KTRS Radio St. Louis Radiation Levels Above Normal At Athletic Complex 5/8/14 McGraw Milhaven discusses radiation testing at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex with Harvey Feldman and Dawn Chapman. They also discussed that EPA has been sitting on a negative report about Brighton Landfill for six months. http://ktrs.com/news/local-news/item/14910-radiation-levels-above-normal-at-athletic-complex
- **Blog for Iowa Iowa's Clean Water v. Factory Farms** 5/8/14 The Sierra Club Iowa Chapter has waited since September 2007 when it filed a dedelegation petition with the EPA for the Iowa DNR to develop and approve rules requiring concentrated animal feeding operations particularly swine operations to comply with federal Clean Water Act requirements. Now is your chance to provide input on the rule. http://www.blogforiowa.com/2014/05/08/iowas-clean-water-v-factory-farms/
- lowa Now (University of Iowa) Breathe easy, Iowa. Your air is (relatively) healthy 5/8/14 A new study from the University of Iowa reports Iowa's air quality falls within government guidelines for cleanliness. University of Iowa researchers report that Iowa falls within federal air quality standards for fine particulates. http://now.uiowa.edu/2014/04/breathe-easy-iowa-your-air-relatively-healthy
- St. Louis Post-Dispatch Plan for Missouri to implement federal emission regulations sent to Gov. Jay Nixon 5/8/14 The Missouri House sent a measure allowing the state's Department of Natural Resources to develop a plan to implement emission standards for coal-fired power plants to the governor. http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/political-fix/plan-for-missouri-to-implement-federal-emission-regulations-sent-to/article_a23cfff2-c6e2-53f1-ac6a-8e55ee2459ab.html
- KSN Ch. 3 Wichita Authorities concerned about contamination spread 5/7/14 Now that contaminated homes are being hooked up to Wichita water mains, concern has spread that the contaminated ground water could spread to new wells. http://ksn.com/2014/05/07/87731/

Associated Press - Des Moines hosts Obama climate change task force - 5/8/14 - Des Moines has been chosen as one of four locations in the United States to host a meeting of President Barack Obama's Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience. http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/des-moines-hosts-obama-climate-change-task-force/article/2a5eabde-6ba6-517a-bcde-f95e8e3b3dcb.html

Radio lowa - EPA carbon rules due in June have utilities looking to retire coal plants - 5/6/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to release more stringent rules regarding carbon emissions for energy utilities next month. Almost half the energy produced in lowa comes from coal-fired plants and that has energy companies in the state looking to reduce their dependence on coal. http://www.radioiowa.com/2014/05/06/epa-carbon-rules-due-in-june-have-utilities-looking-to-retire-coal-plants/

Associated Press - Feds Issue Emergency Order on Crude Oil Trains - 5/7/14 - The Transportation Department issued an emergency order Wednesday requiring that railroads inform state emergency management officials about the movement of large shipments of crude oil through their states and urged shippers not to use older model tanks cars that are easily ruptured in accidents, even at slow speeds. https://bigstory.ap.org/article/feds-issue-emergency-order-crude-oil-trains

Lincoln Journal-Star - Beatrice Biodiesel plant should be operational by summer 2015 - 5/7/14 - Flint Hills Resources announced Wednesday that it is in the process of retrofitting a biodiesel plant in Beatrice and should have it up and running by next summer. http://journalstar.com/business/local/beatrice-biodiesel-plant-should-be-operational-by-summer/article-551c0c13-49a2-5131-ba4a-05653bebcf7d.html

Cedar Rapids Gazette (Iowa) - University of Iowa plants dedicated energy crops - 5/7/14 - In pursuit of its goal to become more sustainable, in part, by producing its own biomass fuel, the University of Iowa on Wednesday planted 15 acres of giant miscanthus in southwest Iowa City. http://thegazette.com/subject/news/education/university-of-iowa-plants-dedicated-energy-crops-20140507

Joplin Globe (Mo.) - Solar-law exemption cited by Empire subject of lawsuit - 5/6/14 - Whether the Empire District Electric Co., based in Joplin, is in compliance with the Renewable Energy Standard that Missouri voters overwhelmingly approved in 2008 is a question that is now before the Missouri Supreme Court. http://www.joplinglobe.com/local/x1378007573/Solar-law-exemption-cited-by-Empire-subject-of-lawsuit

Associated Press - Obama climate rules can't wait 'til after election - 5/7/14 - Within weeks, President Barack Obama's administration is set to unveil unprecedented emissions limits on power plants across the U.S., much to the dismay of many Democratic candidates who are running for election in energy-producing states.

http://www.stltodav.com/news/national/govt-and-politics/obama-climate-rules-can-t-wait-til-after-election/article_f5299c8a-98f8-5466-9c47-17788bbc47c0.html

Lincoln Journal-Star - Editorial: The challenge of adaptation - 5/8/14 - When it comes to combating climate change, it makes sense to follow the principle of going for the low-hanging fruit. In other words, first seize the opportunities that are the most obvious and most achievable. http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/editorial/editorial-the-challenge-of-adaptation/article-a84c44ff-d3fe-557c-acd0-c5185fa36b4b.html

Associated Press - Regulators to give update on Nebraska nuke plant - 5/8/14 - Federal regulators will offer an update on the performance of a troubled Nebraska nuclear plant since it restarted late last year. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission plans to hold the meeting in Omaha on Tuesday. http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/regulators-to-give-update-on-nebraska-nuke-plant/article_a83a3246-0f25-5fe2-9482-c57cbdf0f496.html

Associated Press - Nebraska utilities discuss nuke plant flood threat - 5/7/14 - The utilities that own Nebraska's two nuclear power plants plan to examine flooding hazards at the plants which sit on the banks of the Missouri River. http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/nebraska-utilities-discuss-nuke-plant-flood-threat/article_3bbc32a2-21a2-5aa8-9bdd-215955145653.html

Unearthed - Company, EPA lead to dangers to Eleven Point River – 5/8/14 - Signs of industry were everywhere: the hulking petroleum tanks, the steam, the barbed wire—all next to the Eleven Point River in the Ozarks of southern Missouri. Coastal Energy Corp., which sells asphalt and other chemicals for road maintenance and building waterproofing, has operated at the river's headwaters since 2002, without much controversy. That is until this winter when Tom Kruzen, a local environmental activist, heard news of a disastrous chemical spill in Charleston, W.Va. that fouled the drinking water of 300,000 people.

http://unearthedmag.wordpress.com/2014/05/08/company-epa-lapses-lead-to-dangers-on-the-eleven-point-river/

New York Times - U.S. Issues Safety Alert for Oil Trains - 5/7/14 - Calling the movement of crude oil by rail an "imminent hazard" to the public, the federal Department of Transportation said on Wednesday that railroads would be required to notify local emergency responders whenever oil shipments traveled through their states. http://www.nvtimes.com/2014/05/08/business/us-orders-railroads-to-disclose-oil-shipments.html

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Fox News - How Much Porn Does It Take to Get Fired at EPA? - 5/7/14 - As a U.S. House committee looked at allegations that a special homeland security unit within EPA was blocking investigations by the EPA's Inspector General, lawmakers also veered into other internal probes at that agency, demanding to know why it is so difficult to get rid of federal workers involved in on-the-job misconduct. http://nation.foxnews.com/2014/05/07/how-much-porn-does-it-take-get-fired-epa

The Hill - EPA delays formaldehyde rules for composite wood - 5/7/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency is delaying new formaldehyde emissions standards for composite wood products such as plywood, the agency announced Wednesday. http://thehill.com/regulation/205520-epa-delays-formaldehyde-rules-for-composite-wood-products

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Brownfield Ag News - Scientist: Conservation more important as climate changes - 5/7/14 - As weather volatility increases due to climate change, soil conservation practices will become much more critical. So says USDA scientist Jerry Hatfield, director of the National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment at Ames, Iowa. http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/05/07/scientist-conservation-important-climate/

Washington Post - Opinion: States and cities need to act on climate change - 5/6/14 – Among the injustices of human-caused climate change is that nations most responsible for filling the atmosphere with heat-trapping carbon dioxide will not face the brunt of the consequences. http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/states-and-cities-must-act-now-on-climate-change/2014/05/06/ff0c0106-d55f-11e3-aae8-c2d44bd79778 story.html

BBC News - Air pollution 'too high' in most of world's cities - 5/8/14 - The World Health Organization says air pollution in many of the world's cities is breaching its guidelines. Its survey of 1,600 cities in 91 countries revealed that nearly 90% of people in urban centres breathe air that fails to meet levels deemed safe. http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-27313349

EarthFix - 'They Have To Go': The Environmental And Health Costs Of Portable Classroom - 5/7/14 - The prefabricated structures come cheap and fast. They offer a lifeline for districts with more students than building capacity, a problem recent projections show will worsen in coming years. Those short-term fixes can lead to chronic problems. https://earthfix.opb.org/communities/article/overcrowded-underfunded-schools-turn-to-environmen/

Christian Science Monitor - Keystone XL: Will Obama use the NAFTA option? - 5/8/14 - If President Obama fails to approve the Keystone XL pipeline soon or rejects it outright, the Canadians may challenge the delay or rejection under the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Cobb writes. This move opens up a politically attractive option on Keystone XL. http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2014/0508/Keystone-XL-Will-Obama-use-the-NAFTA-option

ClimateWire - From crop failures to flooded runways, new climate report catalogs impacts across sectors - 5/7/14 - With 30 chapters, multiple appendices and a user-friendly website, the National Climate Assessment report comprehensively documents climate change impacts across the United States. http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059999137/

ClimateWire - Report shows climate change is appearing to Americans in a variety of ways - 5/7/14 - Whether you live in Denver or Detroit, Boston or the San Francisco Bay Area, or in one of the farm towns sprinkled across the Midwest and Great Plains, you are feeling the effects of climate change.

http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059999133/

ClimateWire - Climate rollout is aimed at changing attitudes, or at least elections - 5/7/14 - People who hear the word "enhanced" might think of a stronger body part or a loaded pizza. For Susan Hassol, it represents the problematic dialect of climate scientists, many of whom, admittedly, have a better grasp of wind currents than words. http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059999135/

ClimateWire - U.S. is already reeling from climate change's health effects - 5/7/14 - Lurking behind looming infections, injuries and allergies, the health consequences of climate change are already rippling throughout the United States and will likely get worse. http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059999140/

ClimateWire - Adaptation or mitigation? New climate assessment calls for both - 5/7/14 - When the concept of adaptation entered the debate over global warming a few years ago, it set off a small firestorm among scientists and climate advocates. Focusing on adaptation was a kind of surrender, some argued, when what was needed was aggressive action to reduce greenhouse gases. http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059999136/

ClimateWire - Promising research could lead to cheaper, though less efficient, solar cells - 5/7/14 - Advances in solar cell construction using the mineral perovskite could make solar cells that are much cheaper to produce. http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059999115/

Greenwire - 'Enormous public health problem' looms as rising CO2 saps crops' nutritional value -- study - 5/7/14 - Increased levels of carbon dioxide may pose one of the most dangerous threats to humans by 2050 by significantly reducing the nutritional value of major global crops like wheat and rice.

http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059999155/

Greenwire - Op-eds by 2 Republicans say White House report should sway GOP - 5/7/14 - Yesterday's sweeping federal report on climate change's toll on the United States should spur the GOP to offer its own ideas for how to combat the problem, according to two moderate Republicans. http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059999167/

Greenwire - Watchdogs reel off abuses to incredulous House Republicans - 5/7/14 - U.S. EPA employees have been watching pornography on the job, selling jewelry from the office and raking in paychecks without doing work, according to agency watchdogs. http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059999168

Greenwire - Ethanol foes visit Hill to press for RFS overhaul - 5/8/14 - Ethanol opponents from the livestock, environmental and small-engine sectors yesterday stepped up their calls on Congress to either reform or repeal the renewable fuel standard. http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059999200/

Brownfield Ag News - Cover crops important to soil health - 5/8/14 - May 8, 2014 - A team of Purdue researchers is taking part in the Sustainable Corn Project, studying ways to make corn-based cropping systems more resilient and sustainable. http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/05/08/cover-crops-important-soil-health/

BNA - EPA Highlights Overall Enforcement Efforts, Importance of Toxics Release Transparency - 5/7/14 - Environmental Protection Agency officials at a Toxics Release Inventory conference May 7 highlighted new efforts by the agency to make enforcement more efficient and actions by the agency to move forward on a petition that would require reporting from the oil and gas industry. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370063&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e5g1g2&split=0

BNA - Transportation Secretary Issues Safety Alert, Emergency Order on Bakken Crude by Rail - 5/7/14 - Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx issued a safety alert and an emergency order May 7 promoting safer transportation of Bakken crude oil through the use of voluntary rail tank car standards and by requiring route notifications. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370066&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0f0e8w0c1&split=0

BNA - Climate Report: Industry Sees Costly Rules; Scientists, Others See Costs of Not Acting - 5/7/14 - President Barack Obama's choreographed rollout of a dire new climate report is sending a signal to the fossil-fuel industry: Look out. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp? fedfid=46370044&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0f0e3w1w8&split=0

BNA - Administration Relying on Inaccurate Methane Data, Cornell Researchers Say - 5/7/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency significantly underestimates the amount

and potency of methane emissions, which understates the climate impact of hydraulic fracturing, two Cornell University researchers said May 7. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370053&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e4v5q2&split=0

BNA - Proposed Wood Heater Emissions Standards Not Cost-Effective, Industry Group Says - 5/7/14 - A trade association representing manufacturers and distributors of wood and pellet stoves said the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed emissions standards for new wood stoves and heaters aren't cost-effective and fail to reflect the best system of emission reduction, a requirement of the Clean Air Act. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e8m3w4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e8m3w4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e8m3w4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e8m3w4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e8m3w4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e8m3w4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e8m3w4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e8m3w4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e8m3w4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e8m3w4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e8m3w4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=46370065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f0e8m3w4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/d

Inside EPA - Backing Advocates, Court Hears Argument On Water Permits For Farm Dust - 5/7/14 - A federal appeals court has agreed to hear oral arguments over environmentalists' attempt to intervene in a closely watched case dealing with EPA's power to require Clean Water Act (CWA) permits for air emissions from livestock operations. http://insideepa.com/201405072469975/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/backing-advocates-court-hears-argument-on-water-permits-for-farm-dust/menu-id-95.html

Inside EPA - GOP Eyes Senate Takeover To Push Broad Oversight Of EPA Regulations - 5/7/14 - Republican senators are looking to a potential takeover of the upper chamber following the November elections in order to launch broad oversight of EPA air, water, climate and other policies. http://insideepa.com/201405072470081/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/gop-eves-senate-takeover-to-push-broad-oversight-of-epa-regulations/menu-id-95.html

Inside EPA - As EPA Weighs Cr6 Analysis, Industry Renews Push For Weaker Method - 5/8/14 - As EPA risk assessors weigh their preferred method for assessing the risks of hexavalent chromium (Cr6), the American Chemistry Council (ACC) is urging officials to refrain from using a conservative approach for assessing its cancer risks that will drive strict new drinking water standards and other regulatory requirements. http://insideepa.com/201405082470144/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/as-epa-weighs-cr6-analysis-industry-renews-push-for-weaker-method/menu-id-95.html

Inside EPA - High Court's CSAPR Ruling Stirs Debate Over EPA Discretion On GHG Rules - 5/7/14 - The Supreme Court's recent ruling reinstating EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) governing interstate transport of conventional pollutants from power plants is sparking a debate over how favorably the court will view the agency's Clean Air Act interpretations in its forthcoming greenhouse gas (GHG) rules for the sector. http://cleanenergyreport.com/201405082470136/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/high-courts-csapr-ruling-stirs-debate-over-epa-discretion-on-ghg-rules/menu-id-202.html

Inside EPA - EPA Plans To Reduce Air Monitor Speciation Network - 5/7/14 - EPA is planning to end funding for some "low-value" emissions monitoring sites that are part of its Chemical Speciation Network (CSN) used to assess the components of air pollution. http://insideepa.com/201405072470077/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-plans-to-reduce-air-monitor-speciation-network/menu-id-97.html

Inside EPA - EPA's View Of CO2 As Solid Waste Spurs Industry Fear On New RCRA Rules - 5/7/14 - The oil industry is concerned that EPA's rule exempting carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) projects from Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste rules also defines carbon dioxide (CO2) as a supercritical fluid. http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-05/09/2014/epas-view-of-co2-as-solid-waste-spurs-industry-fear-on-new-rcra-rules/menu-id-67.html

Inside EPA - Utilities Warn EPA Climate NSPS Fails To Meet Air Law Duty To Cut GHGs - 5/8/14 - Utilities say EPA's proposed greenhouse gas (GHG) new source performance standard (NSPS) for future power plants is "fatally flawed" because the rule does not satisfy a Clean Air Act mandate that the rule ensures emissions will be reduced. http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/05/09/2014/utilities-warn-epa-climate-nsps-fails-to-meet-air-law-duty-to-cut-ghgs/menu-id-67.html

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: http://go.usa.gov/Qx5

EPA Regional Administrator Brooks, Mayor Bowers to Hold News Conference about Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex - 5/8/14 - Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

5/12/14 – Meet with Iowa Committee for Community Improvement (ICCI) Representatives, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Dave Cozad, 7587

5/12-13/14 – Waters of the U.S. Outreach Event – University of Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

5/14/14 - State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

5/15/14 – Small Business Majority Roundtable, Waterloo, Iowa. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

5/15/14 – OARM Diversity Training, Regional Office. Contact: Greg Davis, 7208

5/20-21/14 - Budget Planning Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

*6/4/14 - OECA Visit, Regional Office. Contact: Deandre Singletary, 7373

6/5/14 - Incident Command System Training, Regional Office. Contact: Cecilia Tapia, 7733

6/12/14 – Joint R6/R7 COOP Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7373

6/24-25/14 - Four State Directors Meeting, Nebraska City, Neb. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

7/21-22/14 – Budget Forum, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

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5/15/14 – OARM Diversity Training, Regional Office. Contact: Greg Davis, 7208

5/20-21/14 - Budget Planning Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

6/24-25/14 – Four State Directors Meeting, Nebraska City, Neb. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

7/21-22/14 - Budget Forum, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD
None
CNSL
None
ECO/EJ
None
ENSV
None
PLMG
None
RA/OPA
9/29-30/14 - Healthy School Outreach, Missouri School Plant Managers' Association Conference, Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874 and Harry Diesel, 7382
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*5/12/14 – Meetings with the Madison County Commission and Fredericktown City Council regarding the proposed repository for the Madison County Mine site. Contact: Dan Kellerman, 7603
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5/12/14 - Meet with ICCI Representatives, Des Moines, Iowa. Contacts: Dave Cozad, 7587, Karen Flournoy, 7782
5/12-16/14 – National Total Maximum Daily Load/Measures and 303(d) Listing Conference, Denver, Co. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Bruce Perkins, 7067, Debby White, 7886